

What is so useless as a pair of tight kid gloves in zero weather?

A Minnesota man fasted for 105 days, this being just 104½ days too long for us.

A Chicago jurist says that a motorcycle is a dangerous weapon. He must ride one.

The spring fashions will be devoid of curves. Again, the thin woman comes into her own.

The women of France are not good cooks, according to expert evidence. But, ah, the styles they wear!

A Paris doctor has discovered a means of fattening one by electricity. It must be a shocking operation.

A Chicago woman says she can't live on \$10,000 a year. She might try starving to death on that allowance.

A New York woman, under a vow of silence, hasn't spoken to her husband for eleven years. Lucky man!

Rats are causing much trouble in Washington, by devouring postage stamps. Why not poison the stamps?

Kansas City complains that it is overrun with fakers. Is Kansas City easy, or are the fakers hard put to it?

Mexicans are abandoning bull fighting for automobile racing. Hard to say whether it's progress or retrogression.

Baltimore has a store with displays of rubber shoes for dogs. Another step in their anti-noise crusade, perhaps.

The Chinese have taken to wearing derby hats. Just wait till the hobble skirt strikes the land of cherry blossoms.

Spain has set about building a new navy. Doubtless it will take better care of the new navy than it did of the old.

Albatross eggs are esteemed a great delicacy in Hawaii. Hen's eggs are esteemed a great delicacy in America.

A scientist comes to the front now with the agile suggestion that poverty causes bow legs. Is that why jockeys have them?

A Missouri woman lost two husbands by lightning. And yet they say lightning never strikes twice in the same place.

A Washington bride wore a pair of \$50 silk stockings, says an exchange, and displayed only about \$2.25 worth of 'em at that.

Another pleasant thing about cold snaps is that they are never complicated with damage by lightning and excessive rain.

A Detroit man wants a divorce because his wife talks too much. Like a man suing a city for allowing him to commit suicide.

San Francisco authorities detained a woman who had sixteen trunks, and, although that was not the cause, it was cause enough.

Nine people were killed during the twenty-day rabbit hunting season in Ohio. Strange how easy it is to mistake a man for a rabbit.

A Tacoma man, acquitted by a jury, kissed three of them. They were women. We see right now where feminine juries become mighty popular.

Navy officers imprisoned chickens in the turret of the ram Katakidi and then shot at it with guns. This is the poorest way to kill a chicken we ever heard of.

The man with a cold in his head is a menace to society, say the doctors. Another menace to society is the man who habitually suffers from "cold feet" as a crisis.

Three college men out on a celebration smashed an automobile and were promptly thrashed by the owner, who proved a football star. It always pays to investigate in such cases before taking action.

Half way down from the top flight of stairs at an elevated railway station one morning not long ago a man stopped to read the conspicuous sign, "Look where you step!"—and fell down the rest of the way.

One of those college savants proposes to teach wives how to spend money. Only one guess is permitted as to whether he is married or not.

A New York divine despairs because ministers are paid less than laborers. But laborers are in greater demand in New York city than are ministers.

A one-legged man walked from Jacksonville, Fla., to New York. We should think that a man who has only one leg would take better care of it than that.

Spikes have been used to mend broken bones by an eastern surgeon. We have heard some of the profession termed butchers, but we have never heard them called carpenters before.

Dr. Schafer of the University of Oregon says that arithmetic isn't so important after all. Few money matters of today will agree with him.

A New Jersey man used a turkey as a weapon of defense when attacked by a footpad. It must have been a long time in cold storage.

Those Peruna Testimonials How Are They Obtained?

For a great many years I have been gathering statistics as to the effects of Peruna when taken for catarrhal derangements. I have on hand thousands of unsolicited testimonials from people in all stations of life, who claim that after many years' futile attempts to rid themselves of chronic catarrh by various forms of treatment they have found complete relief by the use of Peruna. These testimonials have come to me unrequested, unsolicited, unrewarded in any way, directly or indirectly. They have simply been gleaned from my private correspondence with patients that have been more or less under my treatment or taking my remedies.

No remedy, official or unofficial, has a greater accredited basis for the claims we make for it than Peruna as a remedy for catarrh. I have never been opposed at any time to the regulations offered by the Pure Food and Drugs Act. I am not now opposed to its provisions, but I am opposed to the proposed amendments to give to a partisan board of physicians the unqualified authority to decide as to all therapeutic claims which may be made for a proprietary medicine. It is manifestly unjust to

refer such questions to a body of men who are already convinced of the worthlessness of proprietary medicines. To give such a body of men the unlimited authority to decide whether our claims for Peruna are valid or not is a manifest violation of my constitutional rights.

My claims are based both on credible theoretical grounds and upon irrefutable statistics. But I am quite willing to have our claims as to the composition of Peruna properly and thoroughly investigated, and if found to be false a proper penalty should be fixed. Or if I am making any statements concerning disease, as to the nature, symptoms or danger of any disease, if I am making any such statements as to unnecessarily frighten the people by false assumptions, I am willing to submit to any unbiased tribunal or investigation.

Mrs. Alice Bogle, 803 Clinton St., Circleville, Ohio, writes: "I want to inform you that I am making a statement for me. I have been afflicted with catarrh for several years. I have tried different medicines and none seemed to do me any good until I used Peruna. I have taken six bottles and can praise it very highly for the good it has done me. I also find it of great benefit to my children."

Peruna is for sale at all drug stores.

ASK YOUR DRUGGIST FOR FREE PERUNA ALMANAC FOR 1913.

Both Vows Broken.

Apropos of the anti-vivisectionists fight against the Nobel prize award to Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller Institute, Prof. Herbert Satterley said the other day in Jacksonville:

"These anti-vivisectionists themselves terribly when they try to prove that animal research is useless and futile. They just put themselves in the position of one of their number whom I met at my hotel the other day."

"As this anti was dining I bent forward and said to him:

"Pardon me, but you are, I believe, both an anti-vivisectionist and a vegetarian?"

"Yes, sir, that is correct," he answered.

"Then," said I, "you will probably be shocked to learn that you have just eaten a live caterpillar with your lettuce salad."

Fire in Bank of England.

The first fire within memory occurred at the Bank of England, London, a few days ago. The fire broke out in the southeastern portion of the building. The flooring and joisting were considerably damaged. The outbreak was discovered by the Bank of England authorities, and subdued by their own appliances in 30 minutes. A lieutenant and a dozen men of the Irish Guards on duty at the bank, with fixed bayonets, assisted the police in keeping the crowd back from the building.

Her Ship Came In.

The mother, a widow with six children, had more energy than money. Little Dot asked frequently for things which her mother could not give.

"Just wait till my ship comes in," she would say assuredly.

One day the mother gave Dot a nickel. It was an unheard of happening.

"Has your ship come in?" the little girl asked eagerly.

A Weakening.

"I am sorry to say," remarked the young wife, "that my husband seems to lack initiative and decision."

"What has caused you to think so?" her friend asked.

"I have to suggest it every time when he asks for a raise in salary, and then he hesitates for a long time about doing it."

Its Status.

"I am compiling a Pedicure manual."

"I suppose you have plenty of footnotes."

Black Record.

"There goes a man of dark deeds."

"Bless us! What does he do?"

"Puts in coal."

I don't want a woman to weigh me in a balance; there are men enough for that sort of work—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

It's a favorite theory of married women that every widow's heart should be in the grave.

THE BEST TEACHER.

Old Experience Still Holds the Palm.

For real practical reliability and something to swear by, experience—plain old experience—is able to carry a big load yet without getting away-backed.

A So. Dak. woman found some things about food from Old Experience a good, reliable teacher.

She writes:

"I think I have used almost every breakfast food manufactured, but none equal Grape-Nuts in my estimation."

"I was greatly bothered with weak stomach and indigestion, with formation of gas after eating, and tried many remedies for it but did not find relief."

"Then I decided I must diet and see if I could overcome the difficulty that way. My choice of food was Grape-Nuts because the doctor told me I could not digest starchy food."

"Grape-Nuts food has been a great benefit to me for I feel like a different person since I began to eat it. It is wonderful to me how strong my nerves have become. I advise everyone to try it, for experience is the best teacher."

"If you have any stomach trouble—can't digest your food, use Grape-Nuts food for breakfast at least, and you won't be able to praise it enough when you see how different you feel."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

BLAME PLACED ON PHYSICIANS

Growth of Drug Habit in United States Alleged to Be Due to Opiates Ordered in Prescriptions.

That 99 per cent. of all the cocaine and morphine manufactured in this country is used by persons who have formed the drug habit through physicians' prescriptions is the startling statement made by Dr. L. F. Kehler, Chief of the Division of Drugs, Department of Agriculture. This statement, concerning the appalling growth of drug addiction in the United States, was made by Dr. Kehler in an address at Washington, before the American Society for the Study of Alcohol and Narcotics.

Dr. Kehler is quoted by Washington papers as having declared that drug using had increased 100 per cent. in the last 40 years, and that American medical men were not discriminating enough in their use of opiates. Their overindulgence to their patients, he said, is creating thousands of drug users every year.

"It is a very sad thing to say that our physicians are doing the greatest work in promoting the use of cocaine and morphine," said the doctor. "State laws are not saving the public from the grip of the drug habit, and the American public is sinking tighter and tighter into the black abyss of the morphine and cocaine fiend."

"The worst of it is that the importation of opium into the country is becoming larger and larger year by year. I have heard it said on reliable authority that 99 per cent. of the cocaine and morphine manufactured in this country is used by persons who have formed the habit through doctors' prescriptions."

Almost simultaneously with Dr. Kehler's address, Dr. J. A. Patterson, at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in a public statement said that 19 out of every 20 patients who come to an institution with which he is connected for treatment for the drug habit owe their downfall to physicians' prescriptions.

He's Not a Chicken Fancier.

Speaking of chickens a funny man writing in Puck says:

"They are the most abused, uncertain creatures that walk the family acre. Almost everybody tries to raise chickens at one time or another. Looks easy—that's the deceiving part of it."

"And it is easy after you learn one thing. Little chickens don't know anything. Little chickens don't know anything. If there is any change of an intellectual nature as the size increases the big ones know less, if possible, than the little ones."

"If there is a wire partition in your pen with an open door at one end the chickens will try to plunge through the wire instead of going around and walking through the door."

Distinction.

"What have you ever done to claim distinction? In other words, what have you ever done that was original or out of the ordinary?"

"I once had a part in the actual transfer of several shares of stock on the New York exchange."

Constipation causes many serious diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. One a laxative, three for cathartic. Adv.

Its Class.

"That was a raw deal."

"What was?"

"The plot they cooked up."

The Condition.

"Can your wife keep a secret?"

"Certainly, if there is nobody around for her to tell it to."

ITCH Relieved in 30 Minutes.

Woolford's Sanitary Lotion for all kinds of contagious itch. At Druggists. Adv.

The surest stepping stone to matrimony is a solitaire.

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of this paper desiring to buy anything advertised in its columns should insist upon having what they ask for, refusing all substitutes or imitations.

PISOS REMEDY

Best Cough Syrup, Throat Lozenges, etc. Sold by Druggists.

FOR COUGHS AND COLDS

FIRE WASTE IN 1912

FIGURES GATHERED FROM FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT.

Over-Insurance Said to Be an Incentive to the Operations of the Fire Bugs.

Nashville.—J. E. Oliver, state fire marshal, has completed his annual report for 1912. He urges the public, and especially the sheriffs and deputies, to take an active interest in reporting suspicious fires to the department. He says in part:

"The fire waste in Tennessee for the past year on general stores has been excessive. Merchants have either been hardpressed in maintaining a balance in their favor or business has been unusually dull. Many general stores have been under our inspection, and in nearly every case it has been shown to our satisfaction that the merchant had been losing money or that competition in the vicinity was growing so strong that they could foresee trouble and in which event they would conclude to sell out to the insurance companies rather than be closed up by their creditors."

On the question of over-insurance, the fire marshal says:

"In previous bulletins I have called the attention of the insurance people and public as well to over-insurance and its hazardous results. Over-insurance is the great inducement and incentive to the excessive fire waste in Tennessee and the country generally. The situation in this respect can be shown by reference to certain towns and counties in which an excess of incendiarism has been prevalent. In nearly every single instance where these incendiary conditions exist the cause and origin of fires were traced in 90 per cent. of the losses to over-insurance. In a number of such cases I made recommendations to the proper authorities to inspect their risks and reduce the insurance to a safe basis on to the cash value of the property insured, and when our recommendations were acted upon favorably fires ceased and conditions improved instantly."

LEGISLATION NEEDED.

Bar Association's Committee on Legislation Formulates Ideas.

Nashville.—The committee on legislation of the State Bar Association, of which J. H. Acklen of Nashville is chairman, met here and decided to recommend many important and far-reaching enactments to the incoming general assembly.

A resolution was adopted directing the secretary to communicate with members of the association and urge them to assist the committee by using their influence with members of the legislature, and further that a summary of the recommendations of the bar association be mailed to members of the legislature pending the preparation of bills for presentation.

35 HAVE DIED.

Dr. Albright Reports 61 Cases of Meningitis in Dyer County.

Dyersburg.—Dr. J. A. Albright, formerly secretary of the state board of health, has been engaged by the Dyer county board of health to take charge of the meningitis epidemic in Dyer county. The disease, which was at first confined to Mengelwood, a mill town 13 miles from this city, has spread to other portions of the county. This city has had 23 cases up to this date, mostly negroes. These negroes came here from Mengelwood when the disease was raging there. There have been seven cases among the white population of this city. The total number of cases for the county, 61; deaths, 35. The county board of health has forbidden any public gatherings in any infected section. Chattanooga's Postal Business.

Chattanooga.—The local postoffice paid out during the past year \$234,494.40. The increase shown in the office has been steady for the past fifteen years. In that time the office force has grown from sixteen clerks and eighteen carriers to fifty-nine clerks and forty-five carriers.

Will Welcome Baptists.

Chattanooga.—Gov. Ben W. Hooper, United States Senator Newell Sanders and Mayor T. C. Thompson of Chattanooga have all consented to be placed on the program for short addresses of welcome before the delegates of the first Laymen's Missionary Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention in Chattanooga, February 4, 5 and 6.

Tries to Save Brother, Killed.

Nashville.—While attempting to save a small brother from possible injury by an automobile, Madeline Dickson, aged 15 years, was run over by John J. Noel, a prominent business man, and fatally injured. The brother of the little girl was crossing the road at the time the accident occurred and his sister dashed in front of the car to rescue him.

Knox's Increases for Year.

Knoxville.—The marriage licenses in Knox county show an increase of seventy over the year 1911. The real estate transfers an increase of more than \$300,000, while the building record has increased over 1911 by more than a quarter of a million.

Knoxville.—Relative to a report that he intended to quit politics when his present term in congress expires, Congressman Sam R. Sells vigorously denied the story, saying that he was more in politics than ever.

East Tennessee Normal.

Johnson City.—The work at the East Tennessee State Normal was resumed Tuesday. The enrollment for this year is 60 per cent greater than for the same period last year.

State Will Not Lose.

Nashville.—Treasurer Taylors says the state will not lose a cent by the failure of the Knoxville Bank and Trust Company; that the state's funds in the bank were amply protected by bonds of \$10,000 and \$100,000.

FARM COURSE AT NORMALS

TENNESSEE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS HOLD MEETING.

Conference in Connection With Meeting of Public School Officers' Association Is Expected to Settle the Question.

Nashville.—A conference which will have considerable bearing upon the course of study at the several state normal schools was held at the state capitol, where Superintendent of Public Instruction J. W. Brister went over certain matters with the heads of the state normals and State High School Inspector P. L. Harred.

Former Superintendent S. L. Jones, now head of the Middle Tennessee Normal at Murfreesboro; former Superintendent Seymour Mynders, now head of the West Tennessee Normal at Memphis, and Prof. S. G. Gilbreath, head of the East Tennessee Normal at Johnson City, were in attendance.

It has been suggested that the course of study at the several normal schools should be so revised as to give more attention to the agricultural and industrial departments, and just how to secure such a revision to meet the requirements of the schools and to best serve the interests of the pupils was the subject which those in the conference were going into.

They did not hope to be able to definitely settle these matters at the conference, but merely take them up and get the matter under way so that at another meeting to be held in connection with the meeting of the Public School Officers' Association the question may be settled.

At this second conference it is planned to have a committee from each of the normal schools to meet with the heads of the schools and Prof. Brister and Prof. Harred and go into the matter in detail.

Revenue Receipts for December.

Nashville.—The following shows a comparative statement of internal revenue collections for December, 1911, and December, 1912.

	1911.	1912.
Lists	\$ 1,792.29	\$ 1,208.63
Beer stamps ..	17,450.00	16,770.00
Spirit stamps ..	35,051.03	16,153.04
Cigar and cigarette stamps ..	2,493.15	2,493.30
Snuff stamps ..	62,860.39	96,174.71
Tobacco stamps ..	18,244.65	19,763.53
Special tax stamps ..	1,819.00	2,391.62
Totals	\$139,710.01	\$154,954.87

Report on Dog Tax.

Nashville.—The law requires the circuit clerk of each county to collect a tax of 50 cents a year on owners of female dogs. The reports are required to be sent to the commissioner of agriculture. Last year the following counties made reports of this tax: Washington, Meigs, Coffee, Trousdale, Anderson, Robertson, Putnam, Hawkins, Hardeman, Hardin, Johnson, Smith, Weakley, Jefferson, Bedford and Deatur.

The law requires these reports to be made on Jan. 10 of each year. So far this year Coffee county has sent in the only report. After paying expenses, including books, etc., the remainder of the tax is to go to the common school fund. The law has been in force since 1907, but the records in the agricultural department show that only a few counties have ever attempted to collect the tax.

Urges Tick Eradication.

Nashville.—Dr. George R. White, state live stock inspector, has gone to Washington where he will appear before the house committee on agriculture and also the senate committee on agriculture. Dr. White will represent the live stock interests of Tennessee particularly as regards tick eradication.

Will Improve Hospital.

Bolivar.—The management of the Western Hospital for the Insane has asked for two new wings to be put to the central ward an appropriation of \$2500 for needed repairs certain machinery to be put in and other matters, all of which will come before the legislature through the proper channels.

John Robinson Sloan Dead.

Covington.—John Robinson Sloan, for nearly half a century a prominent and well-known citizen of Covington, died at his residence here after an extended illness. Mr. Sloan held many public offices and filled all of them most efficiently.

Sheriff Gets Reward.

Knoxville.—Gen. Charles T. Cates, Jr., has sent Gov. Hooper an opinion holding that Sheriff A. C. Hughes of Claiborne county is entitled to the reward of \$200 for the arrest of Maynard Hamblin, charged with killing Arthur Johnson. Hamblin was arrested by F. C. Dillert and turned over to Hughes, who made his assignment of the reward to Hughes for \$50. This reward was offered by Gov. Patterson on March 10, 1908.

Legislation for Women.

Nashville.—Two bills for the benefit of women of this state are now being prepared for presentation to the legislature, one being a woman's property rights bill and the other a mother's pension bill. The Federation of Women's Clubs of Tennessee inaugurated the movement to secure legislation granting women property rights. The mother's pension bill is championed by the Mothers' Congress, those identified with this organization starting the movement to secure legislative aid for penniless widows with children.

Reduces Sentences.

Chattanooga.—Judge McReynolds of the criminal court for this circuit has reduced the sentence of the saloonkeepers of Whitwell and South Pittsburg, recently convicted, from sixty to thirty days.

Soda Dispenser Legatee.

Jackson.—T. W. Key, soda water dispenser of this city, was notified through his attorney that he had become heir to \$5,000 left him by his grandfather, the late W. D. Davis, of Benoit, Miss.

NATURALLY.



She understood that Maud's marriage was a great shock to all her friends.

He—Yes, I heard she married an electrical engineer.

The Distinction.

"I'd marry a man not of words, but of deeds."

"So would I, if they were title deeds."

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